

Lincoln County Land Information, Conservation and University Extension Committee
Minutes of Tuesday October 3, 2006
Land Resource Center Meeting Room
1106 E 8th St
Merrill, WI 54452

Members Present: James Alber, Frank Saal, Gail Schneider, Wayne Plant

Members Excused: Carl Short

Visitors: Brenda Janke, Brenda Herrell, Beryl Vandre Emerich, Debbie Moellendorf, Amanda Kostman, Tom Cadwallader and Art Lersch.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Alber at 9:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from the September 13, 2006 Committee Meeting

Motion by Saal, second by Plant to approve minutes from the September 13, 2006 meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

3. Public Comment

None

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4. Review Extension budget monthly report

Moellendorf reviewed the September revenue and expense report which was included in the committee's packet. The committee indicated that their preference would be to include the reports with detail.

5. Discuss/Action on 2007 Budget Per Departmental Budget Hearing Meeting and Finance Committee Meeting

Moellendorf reviewed the process to date with the committee. Per the Department Head meeting on September 27th, the Trustees of the Health Insurance Fund have raised the premiums by 15% for 2007. Dan Leydet indicated that he will be making this change in department budgets and that departments will not need to make cuts in their budgets to make up for this additional cost. The Department budget will be forwarded to Finance Committee at the October 6th meeting as the committee approved at the September meeting with the additional cost being added by Dan Leydet for increase in health insurance.

a. Discuss/Action on Department Fleet Car

Moellendorf indicated that during the Budget Review meeting, she was encouraged to look at potential cost savings of utilizing a fleet car for the department versus paying staff for mileage on personal vehicles. Beryl and Debbie shared with the committee an estimated comparison of this for 2006 based on travel during the first 8 months of 2006. Based on this estimate the cost savings would be minimal if any when you factor in the number of days that multiple fleet cars would be needed or we would still need to reimburse some staff for their mileage. Based on this initial estimate, Moellendorf brought up the idea of a county fleet that all departments could access versus individual departments having fleet cars as a possible cost savings at the September 27th Department Head Meeting. Based on discussion, Dan Leydet agreed to bring figures for comparison to a future Department Head meeting.

Motion by Saal, second by Schneider to forward the issue of fleet vehicles to department heads. Motion carried, all ayes.

6. **Discuss/Action on District 3 Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees (WACEC) Meeting to be held on January 5, 2007 at the Elizabeth Inn in Plover**

Moellendorf indicated that each of the committee members should have received a letter from Wayne Lato, District 3 President regarding the upcoming District 3 WACEC meeting to be held at the Elizabeth Inn in Plover on January 5, 2007.

Motion by Alber, second by Saal to approve mileage and per diem for the January 5, 2007 WACEC meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

a. **Discuss/Action on Nominations for District 3 WACEC Offer Positions**

Unlike previous WACEC meetings, a request was made for nominations to be made at the county meetings opposed to making the nominations at the January meeting.

Motion by Saal, second by Alber to nominate Wayne Plant for First Vice President and Gail Schneider for Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried, all ayes.

7. **Q & A on Agriculture Development Agent Written Report**

Tom Cadwallader's written report was handed out at the meeting and will be placed on file.

Supervisor Alber also reported that representatives from the Dairyland State Academy committee recently met at the Clark County farm to explore the potential of this site being utilized for the academy.

8. **Q & A on Community and Economic Development Educator Written Report**

Art Lersch's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file. Supervisor Plant indicated that he serves as the county representative to the Lakes Association and would be interested in attending future meetings where Art is providing information or bringing in University resources in this area.

9. **Q & A on Family Living Educator Written Report**

Due to illness, Brenda Janke's written report was not included in this month's agenda packet but will be included in next month's packet.

10. **Q & A on Wisconsin Nutrition Education Written Report**

Brenda Herrell's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file.

11. **Q & A on 4-H Youth Development Program Advisor Written Report**

Amanda Kostman's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file.

12. **Q & A on 4-H Youth Development Agent/Department Head Written Report**

Debbie Moellendorf's written report was included in the agenda packet for the committee to review and placed on file. Supervisor Alber encouraged staff members to share their work more in publications, such as the Wisconsin Counties Magazines or other journals.

13. **Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.

14. **Adjournment**

Motion by Alber, second by Plant to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Minutes prepared by: Debbie Moellendorf and Beryl Vandre Emerich